NOTICE OF EMERGENCY RULE PROMULGATION

AGENCY: Department of Marine Resources

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 12 M.R.S.A. Sections 6172 and 6192

RULE PROMULGATION: DMR Regulation 95.04 U3, Closed Area No. 38-C, Fifield Point to

Moose Island, Stonington.

<u>TEXT OF RULE: DMR Regulation 95.04 U3, Closed Area No. 38-C, Fifield Point to Moose Island, Stonington.</u>

Effective immediately, because of pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters or mussels taken from the shores, flats and waters of West Stonington in the two following locations:

- 1. Inland (north) of a line beginning at the southwestern tip of Fifield Point extending approximately 900 yards east-southeast to an unnamed point located due east of The Fort island.
- 2. Inland (north) of a line beginning at an unnamed point approximately 250 yards east of the mouth of Burnt Hill stream. This line then extends east-southeast to another unnamed point approximately 100 yards to the south of Burnt Hill stream.

Violation of any provision of this regulation shall be a Class D Crime (12 M.R.S.A. Section 6204).

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 28, 2001

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STATEMENT OF FACT AND POLICY

The Commissioner of the Maine Department of Marine Resources enacts emergency DMR Regulation 95.04 U3, Closed Area No. 38-C, Fifield Point to Moose Island, Stonington, which closes the shores, flats, and waters of two areas in West Stonington.

Department personnel have determined that the above-described area is subject to intermittent microbiological pollution and that the harvesting of clams, quahogs, oysters, and mussels, in these waters poses a threat to public health.

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